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REMARKS

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1. On 23 September 1950 troops on trucks

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passed through Wittenhausen and proceeded toward Kindel. Local residents said that those vehicles were returning from a road march which started on 20 September 1950. (1)

2. On 24 September 1950 trucks

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were loaded on a train at the Wittenberg railroad station. More trucks and three 120-mm mortars were parked near the railroad station. (2)

3. On 23 September 1950 a train without an engine was observed at the Jueterbog railroad station. It carried eight AA guns of about 50 mm caliber, four AA guns of about 20 mm caliber, six armored personnel carriers, and about 20 trucks

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The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

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4. On 26 September 1950 a train carrying 10 guns, 10 prime movers,

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and truck was observed at the Jena railroad station. The train left toward Weimar. (4)

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5. On 27 September 1950 a convoy coming from the direction of Ohrdruf passed through Arnstadt. It consisted of tanks, armored personnel carriers and trucks:

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6. On 29 September 1950 a train carrying twelve 75-mm AT guns and 12 trucks [redacted] was observed at the Biederitz railroad station, standing on the track to Altengrabow. (6)

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7. Rail shipments observed between 27 September and 2 October 1950 included:

Shipment	From-To and Date	Dispatcher	Consignee
Twenty-three boxcars with military goods	Bernau to Schoenebeck/Elbe 27 September	-	[redacted]
Three boxcars with military goods	Fuerstenberg to Loeberitz 29 September	-	[redacted]
One gondola car with coal	Mueckenberg to Gustermark/airfield 30 September	-	[redacted]
One gondola car with coal	Reuternitz to Rehbruecke 30 September	-	[redacted]
One flatcar with sawed timber	Liebenwalde to Jessen 30 September	-	[redacted]
Two boxcars with military goods	Dresden-Altstadt to Satzkorn 30 September	-	[redacted]
One boxcar with oats	Dahme to Muellrose 1 October	-	[redacted]
Seven boxcars with military goods; [redacted]	Hohenleipisch to Teepchin 2 October	[redacted]	[redacted]

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escorted by one officer and eight EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets

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(7)

8. A troop train coming from the direction of Wittstock arrived at the Neuruppin railroad station at 10:30 a.m. on 30 September 1950. It carried about 450 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets in 15 boxcars, 5 tank trucks, 4 field kitchens, 30 trucks [redacted]

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(8)

9. Another train carrying fourteen T-34 tanks, 8 armored personnel carriers and a field kitchen stopped at the Neuruppin railroad station at 3 p.m. on 30 September 1950. It later left toward Neustadt on the Dosse River.

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10. [redacted]

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11. On 30 September 1950 a train of 30 boxcars occupied by soldiers and 7 or 8 flatcars carrying boxes, 2x1x1 meters, was seen in Jueterbog-Altes Lager. The flatcars were shunted to the Dama airfield and unloaded.
12. Railroadmen said that trains carrying troops and material left the Lieberose maneuver area between 26 and 28 September 1950. (10)
13. On 30 September 1950 a unit with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was loaded on 14 boxcars and 16 flatcars at the Lieberose railroad station. Twenty-eight trucks, two jeeps, three field kitchens, six 120-mm mortars, three 37-mm AA guns and one ambulance were seen with the unit.

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14. On 3 October 1950 a train of two boxcars occupied by soldiers, four locked boxcars and flatcars carrying six AT guns and 12 trucks was observed at the Jueterbog railroad station. The train proceeded toward Wittenberg. (11)
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15. the Schwerin regional railroad headquarters indicated that a train of 24 flatcars, 14 converted boxcars and 4 boxcars, went from Kroopelin to Magdeburg on 4 October 1950. Another train of 26 flatcars, 11 boxcars and 8 converted boxcars, went from Neubuckow to Fuerstenwalde on 6 October 1950. (12)
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16. On 5 October 1950 fifteen railroad cars, each carrying six to eight 37-mm AT guns, left the Frankfurt/Oder shunting station. The destination of the train could not be determined.
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17. Forty-five boxcars occupied by soldiers left Frankfurt/Oder toward Cottbus on 5 October 1950. (13)
18. Fifty-two empty boxcars were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk on 5 October 1950. (14)
19. Fifty empty boxcars went from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk on 8 October 1950. (14)
20. On 10 October 1950 tanks, AA guns and trucks were unloaded in Frankfurt/Oder from a train which had come from Lieberose. (15)

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Comments.

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- (1) component units of the 21st Gds Lecz Div which was training in the Kindel maneuver area. The units are believed to have temporarily left the maneuver area for an exercise or road march.
- (2) Loading of a component of the 7th Gds Tank Div.
- (3) A train carrying components, including AAA components, of the 20th Gds Lecz Div.
- (4) A train carrying a component of the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Ltz Rifle Corps, which probably went to the Jankraf-Kindel area.
- (5) Components of both the 21st Gds Lecz Div and the XXIX Gds Ltz Rifle Corps.
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- (6) a shipment of the 7th Gds Lecz Div. Most of this division was in the Lieberose maneuver area prior to late September 1950. It is possible that some AT artillery units of the division

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(8) [redacted] the train carried components of the 13th
Mecz Div. [redacted]

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(9) The tank shipments were probably part of the transportation operation to the
Magdeburg-Mittenberg-Dessau area in late September 1950. [redacted]

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(10) Components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div leaving the Lieberose maneuver area.

(11) [redacted] the train carried a component of the
6th Gds Mecz Div.

(12) Presumably components of the 3d Gds AAA Div from Magdeburg and the unidentified
AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Fuerstenwalde, which left the Wustrow
AAA range.

(13) Probably a shipment of recruits.

(14) The trains were possibly for the transportation of troops from the U.S.S.R. to
the Soviet Zone of Germany. However, most trains previously hauling troops from
the U.S.S.R. came from the rail change-over stations of Insterburg and Gerdauen.

(15) Return to Frankfurt/Oder of a component of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from the
Lieberose maneuver area.

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